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your para: 2

C.E.

Mild. J. W. H.

18/10/20

The only papers that can be traced are attached.

measures

Mild. B. F. G.

This is too late for draft estimate.

16/10/20

Please refer to F. C.

C.E.

Mild. A. C.

19-10-20

In reply to your minute

C.E.

of 28-10-20 the estimate for buildings &amp; filling were given

May I suggest that the C.E. be asked to revise the estimate of building, filling in, & road ~~and~~ installing before the matter goes to the Finance Committee

to the Director of Gardens by this Department and may be considered correct.

2. In this connection please see my minute of 16-10-18 in C.E. 8477/18.

Mild. E. L. J.

27-10-20

3. I ~~prop~~ put up a memorandum by the Executive Engineer on the use the higher areas of this land could be put to.

C.E.

Mild. A. C.

28-10-20

Mild. F. J. Rigall

16-11-20

C.E.

May I have papers,

C.E.

Confidential, I believe they were, in connection with proposals to build Koffler College on the site and another proposal to erect quarters on it.

The memo by the E.E. marked (2) appears to have been written principally with a view to obtaining a reversal of the decision made at an informal

Mild. F. J. P. meeting of the Koffler members  
10/11/20



recorded under date 28/2/09 in  
6142/09 attached.

2. I do not see any reason  
for reversing that decision in  
view of the urgent need for fruit  
& vegetable stock.

3. As regards the other specific  
objections raised, the only serious  
one is (c) on page 3, but it is  
capable of adjustment.

4. Objection (g) is evidently due  
to the preconceived idea that the  
site of the Economic Gardens  
should be taken for residential  
purposes.

5. In the case of objection (d)  
I think that the opinion of the  
expert viz. the D. of E. is more  
weighty than that of the P. E. on  
the matter.

6. As regards (g) taken with (h)  
I think the suggestion of giving up  
the yellow area is sound from  
the point of view of the Gardens  
and therefore it is not possible  
to place the coolie lines on that  
area and it is not proposed to

feel the whole of the area from the  
earth in the blue area in fact the

I think the C. L. R. would be  
prepared to make recommendations  
for filling the portion of the  
yellow area, so far as it cannot  
be filled from the blue area  
from another source.

7. The whole question is a neat  
shell is shall the area in  
question be used for economic  
purposes or for residences?

8. The unofficials are in favour  
of the former alternative, so are  
the Garden Committee & so no  
doubt would be the members  
of the Profiteering Commission.

9. It would not be possible to  
use it for economic purposes  
if Govt. residences were built  
upon it as suggested in page 3  
(f)

10. May the vote be now submitted  
to F. C. - the C. E. says the  
figures are correct as regards the  
cost of the buildings?

W.H. W.D.  
8/2/10.

Y.E.

At an informal meeting of  
the unofficials at Govt. House on



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on 26.7.19 it was considered except for upkeep of Garden  
that in the present circumstances The Profiteering Commission  
the Economic Gardens should be 1920 strongly urged that the Gardens  
made use of as formerly should be used for the production

Now Mr. Kinder puts up a of fruit & vegetables. This is a  
memorandum (2) herein) Contending new aspect in the somewhat  
that the site is better suited for previous career of these Gardens.  
The building of official residences If they are to proceed upon them  
& that other sites are equally good new lines, low-lying land further  
for Economic Gardens. out from Town - especially at the

The note of 26<sup>th</sup> July appears commencement of the scheme -  
to me to be anything but a Capital would be equally good.  
decision & in a year & a half I do not know what useful  
circumstances have been changed purpose - if any. The Gardens  
considerably. have never up to date.

Further I think there is a good & suggest that a small  
deal to be said for Mr Kinder's Committee of five be appointed.  
arguments. to consider the whole question

The Housing Commission is and make recommendations.

1918 recommended (para. 23) that If your Y.E. agrees I think the  
the Govt. should direct of the attention of the Committee might  
upper part - 23 acres - to a be invited to the proposition that  
suitable Tenant Coy. partnership it is one of the first duties of  
Society. But the knofficials on the I.S. Govt. to provide good  
16/10/18 (C.S. 8477/18) decided that houses on healthy sites to its officials  
that the Garden was not to who spend practically all their  
be disposed of but that no further lives, upon small incomes, in the  
expenditure was to be incurred country, especially when the present



persons about eliminate the idea P. A. C. S.  
of returning.

Mild. J. W. M.

Prof. L. B.  
P. A. C. S. 12/12

12-12-20

Please ask them if they will  
serve. If Mr. Still declines or when  
he goes away ask Mr. Wilson if  
he will take his place.

Please suggest names.

Mild. J. W. M.

Mild. J. W. M.

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Mr. Still is not going away  
until end of January 1921.

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C.S.

I suggest

Col. Engineer (Chairman)

C. L. R.

Director of Gardens

Dr. Lim Boon Keng

Mr. A. W. Still

Mild. D. B.

14-12-20

C.S.

Please see (4); I do not  
think that the point raised is  
one which makes it inadvisable  
for Mr. Lornie to serve. Oppose  
him with the others?

Mild. D. B.

21-12-20

Y.B.

If you approve the names in  
the preceding Committee I will  
go ahead

Mild. J. W. M.

14/12/20

P. A. C. S.

No. Mr. Lornie can go in.

The terms of reference will  
be to state

Approved.

Mild. L. B.

If Mr. Still is to believe taking  
holidays, what about Mr. Wilson  
of the Malaya Tribune

15/12/20

(1) whether the Gardens should  
be used for the production of  
fruit & vegetables as recommended

by the Prof. Commission or

(2) whether they should be used  
for official residences; or

(3) to what other use (if any)



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They should be put.

Through me.

It should I think be brought to the notice of the Committee that the Profiteering Commission's recommendation was made only as against the present use of the Gardens. There had been no suggestion of official building, made to them.

Mr Kinder's memo & all these minutes & anything else pertinent that you can suggest should be before the Committee.

Mild. J.W.M.

21-12-20

Cd.

I enclose the report of the place the Committee which was drafted by Mr Still.

In submitting this it was suggested I should intimate that

the Committee unanimously consider the whole of the Hyeroll Estate should be acquired if possible: C.E.

It was considered not advisable to suggest this in the report but this with a good map of the that the opinion of the Committee Country Concerned should be communicated to you.

2. Mr Lorie (C.L.R.) thinks if part or the whole of Hyeroll is acquired purchase should not be made it in view whether there is to be a heavy fall in the price of land.

3. Mr Miskell (S.G.S.) holds the view strongly that the whole of the estate should be bought, the adding of a part of it to the Gardens will enhance the value of the rest for residential purposes, and the whole should be used between the two purposes.

4. If part acquisition is to take place the Director of Gardens should be consulted as to the boundary to be, with regard the important point of approaches for laying out the area.

M. F. F. Piggott

14-1-21

Kindly come & see me about

this with a good map of the that the opinion of the Committee Country Concerned.

Mild. J.W.M.

14-1-21



P. A. C. S.

I agree with the principle that the proper extension of the Botanical Gardens is into Jyessall chiefly.

But: & I will submit this for H. B.'s approval when he returns.

Mr. Parkhill can therefore look out in the meanwhile for a site for his experimental work if the residue of the Economic Gardens is inefficient.

The C.E. might also meanwhile get out a site-plan of the area of the Economic Gardens thus released.

Yours J.W.H.

1881/21

Please let me have the papers & plan back for H. B. to see D. of B.

C.E.

Please note & return early

Yours S.B.

1881/21

P.S.

The Hon. C.E. has done me the kindness of quoting my view that the whole of the

Jyessall estate should be bought.

and I beg leave to add a few remarks regarding the house

Mr. Pigott says that the house is likely to last another twenty years. The Gardens have no use for it; but one for its site.

for the Gardens are greatly in need of a new & larger bandstand and for such the site of Jyessall House is unequalled.

At present when the Band plays visitors come, up to the number of 2000, and there is no space for their cars, but the Police who control the Traffic are forced to exclude the late-comers' cars. Jyessall would give the space needed, & Jyessall would also give the air which the visitors come to get as much as the music.

I am convinced that we should have a grateful benefactor for the turning of the site of the house into a new Bandstand Hill west of the house from Holland Road to the Gallop road & along.



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is an area within the estate  
which should be built over  
with superior houses opening onto  
the Gardens: & the materials from  
Tyersall house would go into  
them.

Ed. J. M. Parkhill

21-1-21